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SUBJECT: SADAT TO ADDRESS ASU NATIONAL CONGRESS JULY 22

1. LOCAL PRESS JULY 11 REPORTS ANNOUNCEMENT THAT PRESIDENT SADAT WILL ADDRESS THE ARAB SOCIALIST UNION'S (ASU) NATIONAL CONGRESS JULY 22 AT 1930 LOCAL (1630 ZULU). THIS IS PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS COMMEMORATING 1952 REVOLUTION; IT IS FIRST TIME SINCE HIS JULY 22, 1973 SPEECH TO NATIONAL CONGRESS THAT IT WILL HAVE BEEN CONVENED. PRESIDENT ADDRESSED HIS JULY 1974 SPEECH TO PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY AND ASU'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

2. WITH BANNER HEADLINES JULY 11, LOCAL PRESS DISCUSSED NATIONAL CONGRESS AGENDA FOR ITS JULY 22-25 SESSION, THE DRAFT ASU STATUTES THAT HAVE NOW BEEN PRESENTED TO SADAT FOR REVIEW AND WILL BE PRESENTED TO CONGRESS FOR RATIFICATION AND NEW "TENDENCIES" REGARDING THE MAKE-UP OF THE ASU'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE. PRESS REPORTS THAT "POLITICAL OPEN DOOR POLICY" WILL BE THEME OF NEW NATIONAL CONGRESS AND NEW ASU STATUTES, WITH EMPHASIS ON "DEEPENING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF DEMOCRATIC PRACTICE" BY MEANS OF FREEDOM OF INDIVIDUAL

EXPRESSION OF ALL VIEWS WITHIN ASU FORUM AS WELL AS FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. SIX COMMITTEES WILL BE FORMED ON JULY 24 AND 25 TO HANDLE DISCUSSION OF 9 PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS. FIRST TEAM DEALS WITH ARAB CAUSE AND FOREIGN POLICY WHILE REMAINDER CONCENTRATE ON INTERNAL ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL MATTERS.

3. NATIONAL CONGRESS ON JULY 22 AND 23 WILL ELECT CENTRAL COMMITTEE. PRESS REPORTS THERE IS "TENDENCY" TO INCREASE COMMITTEE TO 250 SEATS (50 ARE ALTERNATE MEMBERS) FROM CURRENT MEMBERSHIP OF 180 PLUS 50 ALTERNATES. ANOTHER "TENDENCY" IS DESIGNATION OF FOUR SEATS ON CENTRAL COMMITTEE TO ARMED FORCES AND FOUR TO POLICE. ARMED FORCES WILL REPORTEDLY BE REPRESENTED BY COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, CHIEF OF STAFF, COMMANDER OF NAVY AND COMMANDER OF AIR FORCE. POLICE SEATS APPARENTLY NOT YET SPECIFICALLY ASSIGNED.

4. COMMENT: GOE HAS NEVER BEFORE SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED FOR PARTICIPATION OF MILITARY IN ASU, EGYPT'S SOLE POLITICAL ORGANIZATION. ALTHOUGH SADAT, IN REMARKS JULY 2 TO VISITING DELEGATION, NOTED THAT ASU BASED ON ALLIANCE OF WORKERS, PEASANTS, INTELLIGENTSIA, NATIONAL CAPITALISM AND SOLDIERS, HE HAS NOW GONE ONE STEP FURTHER IN ENSURING THE INCLUSION OF HIS MILITARY/POLICE CONSTITUENCY IN EGYPT'S POLITICAL LIFE. TO BEST OF OUR CURRENT KNOWLEDGE, THIS NEW EFFORT DOES NOT INVOLVE SETTING UP POLITICAL CELLS (THROUGH THE ASU'S "BASIC UNITS") IN MILITARY OR POLICE UNITS, AS HAS BEEN DONE FOR STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITIES. WE WILL NEVERTHELESS WATCH WITH INTEREST DEGREE OF MILITARY/POLICE PARTICIPATION IN ASU BOTH THROUGH ITS FORMAL LEADERSHIP IN CENTRAL COMMITTEE AS WELL AS THROUGH NORMAL PROCESS OF ELECTION OF INDIVIDUAL SOLDIERS TO ASU SEATS.

5. NO DATE HAS YET BEEN ANNOUNCED FOR CENTRAL COMMITTEE'S ELECTION OF ASU'S TOP BODY, THE HIGHER EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. WITH INCLUSION OF MILITARY/POLICE ON CENTRAL COMMITTEE, THEY WILL FOR FIRST TIME BE ELIGIBLE FOR ELECTION TO HIGHER EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

6. FULL BACKGROUND REPORT ON ASU AND ITS CURRENT ELECTIONS FOLLOWS BY AIRGRAM.  
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